UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS RIGHTS PROTECTION IMPLEMENTATION – CLIMATE CHANGE FY 2014 FINAL PROGRESS REPORT (1/15/2016)

Project Title: Residential Energy Efficiency Pilot Program

Tribe: Lummi Nation

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Goals and Purpose: Climate mitigation, achieved by reducing carbon emissions, is an important management strategy to address future climate change and was identified as an early action item in both the Lummi Nation Strategic Energy Plan and the Lummi Nation Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Plan. This finding echoes those of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), the U.S. Global Change Research Program (USGCRP), the Washington State Blue Ribbon Panel on Ocean Acidification, and others, all of which conclude that reducing emissions of carbon dioxide is the foremost strategy for dealing with climate change. In recognition of this finding, the Lummi Indian Business Council (LIBC) adopted Resolution No. 2014-084 *Guiding Principles to Address Climate Change*, providing a policy directive to the LIBC administration to undertake efforts as soon as practicable to develop strategies for contributing to a reduction of the causes of climate change and global warming (i.e., to reduce carbon emissions).

Future climate conditions will be determined by the quantity of anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions over the coming decades. The IPCC's Fifth Assessment Report (2013) indicates that global average air temperature will likely increase between 1.0 °C and 3.7 °C by 2100 based on a range of different greenhouse gas emissions scenarios; the choices made today will determine which emissions scenario is realized in the future. The Lummi Nation chooses to serve as a leader in reducing emissions, in part, because climate change will impact virtually all treaty-protected natural resources. Salmon, for example, will be negatively impacted by changes in temperature (e.g., warmer stream temperature), changes in precipitation (e.g., higher winter streamflow, lower summer streamflow), changes in food availability (e.g., resulting from ocean acidification), habitat loss (e.g., loss of estuarine rearing habitat resulting from sea level rise), among others. Given the severity of potential impacts, the Lummi Nation finds that climate mitigation needs to happen sooner, rather than later, and that there is no better place to undertake these actions than in the homes and lives of Lummi community members.

Given the considerations above, the purpose of the Residential Energy Efficiency Pilot Program is to explore a direct approach to reduce energy use in and resultant carbon emissions from the homes of Lummi tribal members and to support the inherent and treaty-protected rights of Lummi residents to a healthy and comfortable home/indoor environment. The goal of the pilot program is to develop and implement a system for performing residential energy audits and energy efficiency retrofitting and/or weatherization in partnership with the Opportunity Council

(local, non-profit organization), while also quantifying the energy and cost savings and emissions reductions accomplished through the pilot program. Results will help guide future efforts to reduce the carbon footprint of the Lummi community, as well as provide critical community outreach and climate awareness education, which are also identified as early action items in the Lummi Nation Strategic Energy Plan and the Lummi Nation Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Plan.

Project Description: Through the pilot program, energy audits and energy efficiency retrofitting and/or weatherization was performed on 8 homes located on the Lummi Indian Reservation (Reservation) that are owned by Lummi tribal members. Staff of the Lummi Natural Resources Department's (LNR) Water Resources Division managed program administration.

The pilot program was publically advertised to solicit voluntary participation by interested individuals through a press release and advertisement published in the January 2015 issue of Lummi Nation's monthly newspaper, the Squol Quol, and a January 15, 2015 community outreach event hosted by the Lummi Nation Community Services Department. Applications were reviewed by the Opportunity Council in accordance with established eligibility criteria for their Low Income Weatherization Program and eligible applicants were selected for inclusion in the pilot program on a first-come, first-served basis. Each home was then audited by the Opportunity Council's contractors in coordination with the homeowner. The audit provided a pre-improvement "Energy Performance Score," which included estimated annual energy use (kilowatt hours [kWh]) and carbon emissions (tons). With the audit results, the Opportunity Council also provided residents with a prioritized list of site specific improvements that would maximize energy savings and make use of available utility rebates, cash incentives, and other funding sources. Using the pilot program grant funds, the LNR paid the cost of the energy audit and the cost of deferred maintenance, health and safety upgrades, and/or unsubsidized energy efficiency retrofits/upgrades up to a predetermined dollar amount (not to exceed \$15,000 per home). All improvements were made by pre-qualified contractors. Upon completion of improvements, the Opportunity Council provided third party quality assurance on all work completed and conducted a second energy assessment to quantify estimated annual energy savings and emissions reductions (post-improvement "Energy Performance Score").

Progress and Accomplishments: Measureable progress was made over the January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 performance period toward achieving the primary goal of the Residential Energy Efficiency Pilot Program to develop and implement a system for performing residential energy audits and energy efficiency retrofitting and/or weatherization in partnership with the Opportunity Council, while also quantifying the energy savings and emissions reductions. As described above, energy audits and energy efficiency retrofitting and/or weatherization was performed on 8 homes located on the Reservation that are owned by Lummi tribal members. A summary of the program outcomes (i.e., energy savings and carbon emissions reductions) are provided in Table 1 and further described in the final report provided by the Opportunity Council (Appendix 1). Overall, this initial pilot project resulted in a 30 percent reduction in total energy use (kWh) and a 24 percent reduction in the total carbon emissions (tons/year) from the 8 homes involved.

Table 1. FY 2014 Residential Energy Efficiency Pilot Program Energy Performance Scores Summary

	Energy Score (kilowatt hours)				Carbon Score (tons/year)			
Address	Before	After	Savings	Percent	Before	After	Savings	Percent
	Upgrades	Upgrades		Savings	Upgrades	Upgrades		Savings
3469 Lummi Shore Road	16,000	12,000	4,000	25	5.4	3.9	1.5	28
4241 Lummi Shore Road	25,000	12,000	13,000	52	5.9	4.0	1.9	32
2799 Lummi Shore Road	24,000	20,000	4,000	17	8.0	6.5	1.5	19
3231 Wekes Lane	29,000	14,000	15,000	52	6.9	3.8	3.1	45
2581 Scott Road	21,000	11,000	10,000	48	5.4	3.5	1.9	35
4762 Cobble Way	28,000	20,000	8,000	29	6.7	4.9	1.8	27
3581 Robertson Road	26,000	24,000	2,000	8	6.1	5.7	0.4	7
2876 Haxton Way	25,000	23,000	2,000	8	7.6	7.0	0.6	8
Total	194,000	136,000	58,000	30	52.0	39.3	12.7	24

Challenges: While there were no significant challenges that hindered the completion of established objectives, there were two small challenges that were encountered over the performance period and that have been addressed to improve program implementation. First, as described in the midterm progress report, the Opportunity Council noted that the challenges faced in the early phases of the program were not unlike those that have been observed in other communities. Namely, that it takes time to obtain and verify eligibility paperwork and schedule pre-assessments. This initial time lag did not seriously delay program outcomes and it is anticipated that enrollment in the program will be expedited during the 2016 performance period now that working relationships between the parties involved have been established. Second, preassessments of homes prior to full energy audits indicated that the costs of deferred maintenance and/or health and safety upgrades, which were required to be corrected to meet guidelines for the Low Income Weatherization Program, were generally higher than the LNR had initially anticipated. To rectify this problem, the allowable costs were increased from approximately \$3,500-4,000 per home to \$15,000 per home for the LNR grant fund expenditures. Increasing the allowable costs reduced the total number of homes included in the program; a total of 8 homes were included, short of the initial goal of including approximately 15 homes. The Opportunity Council noted that this higher cost of deferred maintenance and needed health and safety upgrades is not unusual for homes that are eligible for the Low Income Weatherization Program and that if the additional LNR funding had not been available to make required upgrades these homes would have been deferred due to a lack of funding.

Outcomes and Expected Benefits: One of the primary outcomes of the pilot project is energy savings and carbon emissions reductions for member owned homes on the Reservation, which has clear benefits for climate mitigation. Other key outcomes include increased community awareness about climate change and local actions that can be taken to minimize the carbon footprint of the Reservation and a healthier and more comfortable home environment. For example, sealing the building envelope to prevent air leakage will reduce infiltration of hot outdoor air during the summer, thus preventing building overheating, drafts, moisture, and indoor air quality issues (e.g., mold and mildew). Poor indoor air quality (IAQ) has been linked with higher incidence and severity of asthma, allergies, and other respiratory diseases and research indicates that low income and tribal communities are often disproportionately affected by poor IAQ. Although a significant benefit to residents, quantifying the improvements in indoor health and safety is beyond the scope of this project. Finally, the pilot project advances the Lummi Nation's stated intent to develop appropriate goals for addressing the effects of climate change and for contributing to the reduction of the causes of climate change.

APPENDIX 1

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January 12, 2016

RE: Lummi Nation Residential Energy Efficiency Pilot Program (FY 2014)

In 2015, the Opportunity Council partnered with the Lummi Natural Resources Department (LNR) to provide energy efficiency upgrades to Lummi tribal member's homes. Eight homes were identified and received services during the performance period (see attachments). Each home received a comprehensive energy audit to identify needed upgrades. Based on the findings of these energy audits, home improvements were made that included energy efficiency upgrades, various repairs, and health and safety upgrades.

Five of the eight homes were in need of moderate to substantial repairs that were required to be addressed before any energy efficiency work could be completed. The LNR funds were used to make these repairs, which in turn allowed the Opportunity Council to complete the energy efficiency and health and safety upgrades. Without the LNR funds, the Opportunity Council would normally have deferred these five projects due to lack of funding for moderate to substantial repairs.

By bringing together the resources of the Opportunity Council and the Lummi Natural Resources Department, we have left eight homes safer, more durable, and more energy efficient. I anticipate that 2016 will bring the same kind of results that we saw in 2015. We look forward to this partnership in the upcoming year and hopefully years to follow.

Thanks,

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Address: 3469 Lummi Shore Rd

Bellingham, WA 98226

Reference Number: Score Status:

530020918 Official

Current Energy Use

Energy Score: 16,000 kWhe/yr

\$1,621 \$1,621

Energy Cost

Electric:

Carbon Score: 5.4 tons/yr 5.4 tons/yr

Carbon

Natural Gas:

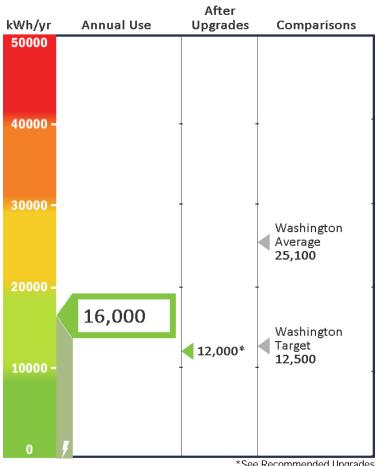
Electric:

16,200 kWh/yr 0 therms/yr

\$0

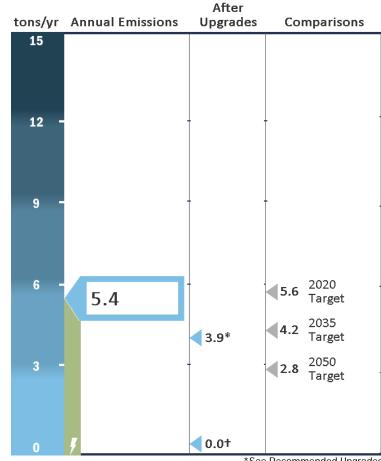
Matural Gas: 0.0 tons/yr

Energy Score



*See Recommended Upgrades

Carbon Score



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Measured in kilowatt hours per year (kWhe/yr).

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Measured in metric tons per year (tons/yr)

3 Bedroom, 884 sq ft Single Family Detached Home, built in 1990

Audit Date: 05/12/2015 Auditor: Community Energy Challenge

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What is the Energy Performance Score?

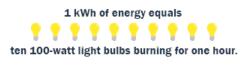
A Certified Score The Energy Performance Score calculation is based on a home energy assessment. Anyone may use the EPS assessment methodology for evaluating energy performance and upgrades of a home, but only a certified EPS analyst has been trained and qualified to conduct an EPS.

Energy

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Measurements Defined

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Energy Costs - Fuel costs are based on prices at the time the EPS is issued* and do not include taxes, surcharges, or fees for renewable energy.

Benchmarks Defined

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Address: 4241 Lummi Shore Rd Bellingham, WA 98248 Reference Number: Score Status:

530020242 Official

Current Energy Use Energy Score: 25,000 kWhe/yr **Energy Cost** \$2.047

Carbon Score: 5.9 tons/yr Electric: 1.6 tons/yr

Electric: 4,900 kWh/yr Natural Gas: 0 therms/yr

Matural Gas: 0.0 tons/yr

Propane: 740 gal/yr Propane:

4.3 tons/yr

Carbon

Energy Score

After Comparisons kWh/yr Annual Use Upgrades 50000 40000 30000 Washington 25,000 Average 25,100 Washington Target 12,000* 12,500 10000 -

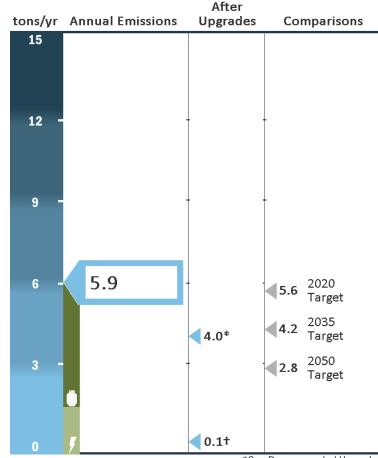
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Carbon Score

\$493

\$1,554

\$0



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Measured in metric tons per year (tons/yr).

3 Bedroom, 1,400 sq ft Single Family Detached Home, built in 1999

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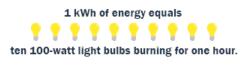
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Energy Performance Score

Address: 2799 Lummi Shore Rd

Bellingham, WA 98225

24,000 kWh/yr

0 therms/yr

Reference Number: Score Status:

Matural Gas:

530020908 Official

Carbon

0.0 tons/yr

Current Energy Use

Electric:

Natural Gas:

Energy Cost Energy Score: 24,000 kWhe/yr \$2,399

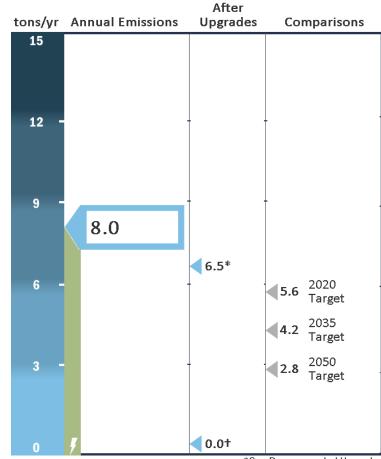
Carbon Score: 8.0 tons/yr

\$2,399 \$0 Electric: 8.0 tons/yr

Energy Score

After kWh/yr **Annual Use** Upgrades Comparisons 50000 40000 30000 Washington Average 24,000 25,100 **1**20,000* Washington Target 12,500 10000 *See Recommended Upgrades

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Measured in metric tons per year (tons/yr)

3 Bedroom, 1,820 sq ft Single Family Detached Home, built in 2003

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Address: 3231 Wekes Ln

Bellingham, WA 98226

Reference Number: Score Status:

530020909 Official

Current Energy Use

Energy Score: 29,000 kWhe/yr

5,500 kWh/yr

\$2,387 \$555

Energy Cost

Electric:

Carbon Score: 6.9 tons/yr 1.8 tons/yr

Carbon

Natural Gas: 0 therms/yr

\$0

Matural Gas: 0.0 tons/yr

Propane:

Electric:

880 gal/yr

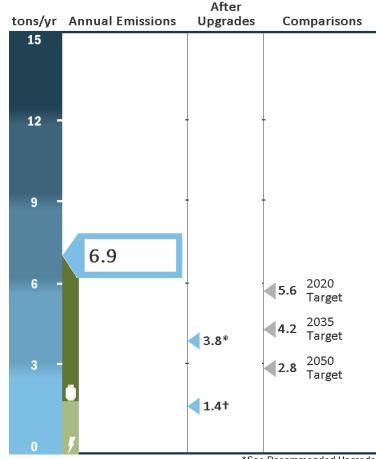
\$1,832

Propane: 5.0 tons/yr

Energy Score

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Measured in metric tons per year (tons/yr).

4 Bedroom, 1,500 sq ft Single Family Detached Home, built in 1995

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Address: 2581 Scott Rd

Bellingham, WA 98226

Reference Number: Score Status:

530020913 Official

Current Energy Use

Energy Score: 21,000 kWhe/yr

\$1,781 \$797

Energy Cost

Electric:

Carbon Score: 5.4 tons/yr 2.6 tons/yr

Carbon

Electric: Natural Gas: 8,000 kWh/yr 0 therms/yr

\$0

Matural Gas: 0.0 tons/yr

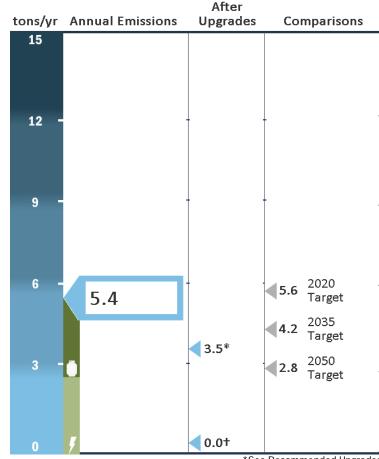
Propane: 470 gal/yr \$984

Propane: 2.7 tons/yr

Energy Score

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3 Bedroom, 1,680 sq ft Single Family Detached Home, built in 1986

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Address: 4762 Cobble Way Ferndale, WA 98248

Reference Number: Score Status:

530020916 Official

Current Energy Use

Energy Score: 28,000 kWhe/yr

\$2,288 \$617

Energy Cost

Carbon Score: 6.7 tons/yr Electric: 2.0 tons/yr

Electric: Natural Gas: 6,200 kWh/yr 0 therms/yr \$0

Matural Gas:

0.0 tons/yr

Carbon

Propane: 800 gal/yr

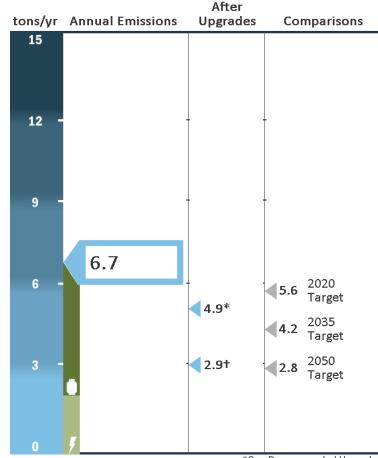
\$1,671

Propane: 4.6 tons/yr

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Address: 3581 Robertson Rd

Bellingham, WA 98226

Reference Number: Score Status:

530020914 Official

Current Energy Use

Energy Score: 26,000 kWhe/yr

\$2,110 \$461

Energy Cost

Electric:

Carbon Score: 6.1 tons/yr 1.5 tons/yr

Carbon

Electric: Natural Gas:

Propane:

4,600 kWh/yr 0 therms/yr

790 gal/yr

\$0

Matural Gas: 0.0 tons/yr

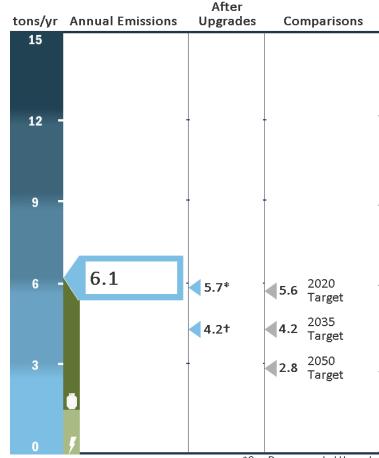
\$1,649

Propane: 4.5 tons/yr

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Address: 2876 Haxton Way Bellingham, WA 98226 Reference Number: Score Status:

530020917 Official

Carbon

Energy Score: 25,000 kWhe/yr

Current Energy Use Energy Cost \$2,350

Carbon Score: 7.6 tons/yr

Electric:

19,500 kWh/yr \$1,950 Electric: 6.5 tons/yr

Natural Gas:

0 therms/yr \$0

Matural Gas: 0.0 tons/yr

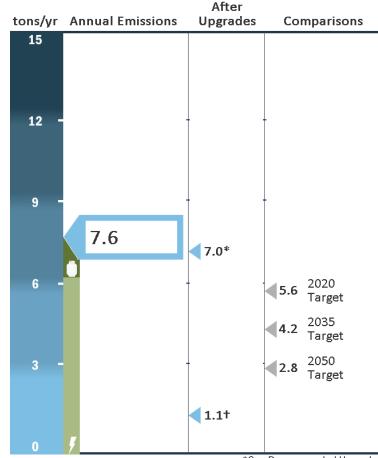
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